

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

January 5, 2016

The Greenlee County Board of Supervisors met on this date in regular session in the Board Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Courthouse Annex, Clifton, Arizona, with the following members present: David Gomez, Chairman; Ron Campbell, Member; and Robert Corbell, Member. Also present were Deborah K. Gale, County Administrator; Derek Rapiere, County Attorney; and Caitlin Young for Yvonne Pearson, Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Gomez called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and Supervisor Campbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Daniel Cervantez, Clifton resident, responded to the Call to the Public and presented a copy of the monthly meal menu for the Senior Center to the Board Members, and invited them to visit the center. He stated that he would like to see the return of some larger newspapers to Greenlee County.

The Board of Supervisors convened as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Public Health Services District and upon motion of Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Public Health Services District Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of Public Health Services District expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00
2. Health & County Services Director: Consideration of approval of Employee Transaction Forms: C. Echard, full time Certified Nursing Assistant; J. Padilla, Clerk II

The Board reconvened into regular session.

Lendsey Basteen, Events Coordinator, updated the Board on Fairgrounds business. She stated that the Fair Board had met and was deciding on a consistent date to have their meetings. The tentative date for those would be the third Thursday of each month. She gave a tentative date for the Spring Rampage as April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and listed some events that she was putting together for that event. She stated that the Mud Drag events that the county had held in the previous year had numerous donations had been received for the payouts of those events. Ms. Gale addressed the mud drags and presented a printout of the financial information for those events. She informed that when county property is used, certain rules have to be followed. Supervisor Campbell stated that he is in favor of having the mud drags, but that the events have to be self-sustaining. He would like to see it taken over by a group or association. Supervisor Corbell stated that he had heard from some of the racers and they felt that not all of the county personnel were needed at the events. He would like to see the racers wives as

volunteers. He spoke about the economic benefits of having events for the area and would like to see more. Chairman Gomez called on some members of the public to speak on the issue. He emphasized the financial impact on the County for these events and stated that the Board has to be responsible for where the money is being spent.

Brad White, resident, came before the board to speak on the Mud Drags. He stated that he wanted to get information so that he could get the word out to the other racers so that they could plan for the events. He discussed the possibility of not having a series; having individual races instead, but still keeping a running total of points for the year. He stated that he received a letter in the past that informed the racers of raising entry fees to be able to purchase trophies for the winners, but that they had stopped receiving trophies after that. He stated that he believed that the racers wanted to continue receiving trophies. He stated that in the past, the races were made up of about 75% of volunteers. He said that at one of the more recent races, he thought he had seen four or five ladies from the county working the registration table, and suggested that the county only have one employee and the rest be volunteers. He discussed the possibility of holding the event himself. He asked about getting a price for renting the facilities and getting a county employee to operate some machinery. He asked if he would then receive the profits from the gate and entry fees. He stated that if the county wanted a percentage of the profits, that the county may be getting all the money. He stated that if he could "stay in the green", he wouldn't mind doing it. He stated that the counties insurance would probably be cheaper than anything he could get. Supervisor Campbell stated that the Board was in favor of handing off the events to an association. He stated that the Board wants it to be successful but couldn't keep losing money on the event. Ms. Gale stated that they had volunteers in the past, but when they found out that the county employees were being paid to work, they asked to also be paid. Supervisor Corbell asked Ms. Gale if she could put together some figures for what the County would charge to rent the facility to make it profitable for an association to put the event on. Mr. White stated that the July night race was a huge success, and he would like to continue it if possible. Ms. Gale stated that she would like to meet with Mr. White as soon as possible in regards to the races. Chairman Gomez emphasized that the point would not be to make money on the events, but to make them sustainable.

Jeff Harnish, Franklin resident, stated that he believed the financial figures for the February race may be off in regards to the County losing money. He stated that he was involved with the races back in 2014. He stated that he met with the Fair Board last year to try to work to make a racing association again to return the races to how they were. He stated that in the races in the past, there were only around 5 County employees, and the rest of the event was ran by volunteers. He stated that the event went from seeing 100 racers to 48 racers. He stated that the other associations were following the lead of what the Duncan races started 5 years ago. He stated that he would rather not have a race at the fair, as it was his belief that stand alone events would make more money. He stated that the county could be making money off the events if they could charge for

parking in addition to a gate fee and use more volunteers. Tony Hines, Assistant Public Works Manager, stated that the County had to start using more employees to run the races because volunteers stopped being reliable. He stated that they couldn't run the event if they did not know if the workers would show up. Derek Rapier, County Attorney, stated that as the event grew and the county became more involved, they were required to do things differently, and that going back to the way it was run before was not necessarily possible. He gave the example of volunteers. Supervisor Campbell proposed to set down three dates for races. Chairman Gomez expressed support of this idea, and also for Ms. Gale to sit down with Mr. White to discuss options. Supervisor Corbell stated that he also thought this was a good plan.

Ákos Kovach, Economic Development Coordinator presented a slideshow to the board of the highlights of the past year. He listed out some of the successful events that had happened and new programs that started. He introduced Ken Showers as the journalist that would be taking over writing stories for the Copper Era following Walter Mares Retirement last month. He advised the board of several meetings in the near future: January 13, Tourism Council Meeting; January 22, Social Media Workshop; and on February 17<sup>th</sup>, there would be a Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Meeting to elect new officers. He stated that he was working on putting together a calendar of events for future meetings.

Tony Hines, Assistant Public Works Manager, came before the Board to recommend awarding a bid made by S&M Construction for the 2016 Airport Drainage Project Material. There were no questions or concerns on the matter to be heard at that time. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board awarded the bid as presented to S&M Construction.

## BID OPENING

BID: 2016 Airport Drainage Project Material

DATE: December 14, 2015

PLACE: Coronado Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Courthouse Annex

PRESENT: Tony Hines, Assistant Public Works Manager  
Yvonne Pearson, Clerk of the Board

BIDDERS:

S&M Construction Inc.  
P O Box 1243

Morenci, AZ 85540

A/B Material (delivered)	6830 cy	\$131,477.50
Tax		8,020.13
<b>Total Bid</b>		<b>\$139,497.63</b>

CKC Construction and Materials  
1234 E. Airport Road  
Safford, AZ 85546

A/B Material (delivered)	6830 cy	\$182,361.00
Tax		12,035.83
<b>Total Bid</b>		<b>\$194,396.83</b>

Fisher Sand & Gravel  
1302 W. Drivers Way  
Tempe, AZ 85284

A/B Material (delivered)	10,250 Tons	\$ 21.00 per ton
A/B Material (delivered)	6830 cy	\$ ----
A/B		\$215,250.00
Tax		\$ 13,130.00
<b>Total Bid</b>		<b>\$228,380.00</b>

On the matter of electing a new Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2016, Supervisor Corbell stated that he thought that the chairmanship and vice chairmanship of the Board should be rotated. He stated that as he is the Vice Chairman of the Board currently, he would like to rotate the position to Supervisor Campbell. Supervisor Campbell stated that he was not in favor of rotating the position of Chairman. He stated that he believed that the Board has a strong leader in Chairman Gomez and that he has done an outstanding job. He stated also that he thought the Chairmain should remain Supervisor Gomez. Supervisor Corbell stated that he also thought Chairman Gomez was doing a good job but that the chairmanship should be rotated. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the board approved Supervisor Gomez to remain as Chairman and Supervisor Campbell to become Vice Chairman. Supervisor Corbell stated that he would like to be on the record as stating that he would like to rotate the Chairmanship.

Ms. Gale addressed the Board and told them that the tentative meeting dates for next year had been set on the first and third Tuesday of each month, with the exception of three of the dates. May 17<sup>th</sup> would have to be changed due to a special election on the same day and the August meeting dates are on Mondays due to a statutory

requirement. Supervisor Campbell stated that he was in favor of keeping the 8:30 am meeting time. Supervisor Corbell stated that he believes there would be more participation if the meetings were held later in the afternoon. He gave the examples of 4pm or 2pm. He stated that he believes that the board should make it more convenient for the public to attend. Chairman Gomez suggested that a later meeting time might put a strain on the staff. He stated that he was okay with moving the time to 10 am. Ms. Gale stated that when the Board used to hold meetings at 4pm it created a problem with staff. She looked at other counties and found that six held meetings on Mondays, seven on Tuesdays, and 2 on Wednesdays. All counties have meetings at 8:30, 9:00, or 10:00 am with the exception of Coconino County, which holds meetings once a month at 6:00pm. She stated her belief that if meetings were held at 4:00pm that there would not be any more participation than there currently is. She stated that while it is important for the public to attend meetings, that it is difficult to find out what the "perfect time" would be. Chairman Gomez stated that he also believed a 10 am meeting time would be convenient for county personnel to prepare for the meetings. Supervisor Corbell asked about the possibility of having every other meeting at 2:00 pm to try to get more public participation. Chairman Gomez stated that 10 am meetings would be ideal for times when travel out of town was necessary, as it would give them enough time to reach a destination after meetings. Supervisor Corbell stated that the meetings are for the people of Greenlee County and that the Board should accommodate for them. Supervisor Campbell moved to approve the tentative meeting dates with the change of time to 10am. Supervisor Corbell stated that before he did anything that he would like to be on the record as stating that he wanted to have a later meeting time. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Corbell and carried unanimously. Ms. Gale stated that she would come back to the Board with a recommended substitution date for the meeting on May 17 that conflicted with the special election.

Ms. Gale requested approval to restructure the Public Works Department to allow for a split between the Facilities Department and Roads Department to be managed by Tony Hines and David Manuz respectfully. Supervisor Corbell stated that he was in favor of the restructure with the condition that Mr. Manuz would be over the Fairgrounds. Ms. Gale stated that she had spoken to both men and they understood that they would have to share resources. Supervisor Campbell stated that they were very lucky to have two well qualified individuals to take over for Ron Pearson, the former Public Works Manager. He stated also that he is in favor of the restructure. Chairman Gomez echoed those comments and added that he thinks the two will do an excellent job. Supervisor Campbell asked how the process for contacting the Public Works department would change. Mr. Hines answered that if the main office was contacted, the people working the office would direct request to where they needed to go. The Board gave Ms. Gale direction to move forward with the restructure. Ms. Gale stated that she would have payroll change notices for the two employees ready for the next board meeting.

Ms. Gale informed the Board that before Christmas, she received a letter from a staff member at the Governor's office that stated that the Governor had received a letter requesting support for a movement to ask Congress to designate the Blue Range Primitive Area as a "Wilderness Area". She stated that the Blue Range is the only Primitive area left in the nation and that it was designated as such in 1933, and that it covers 350 square miles and 173,000 acres. She stated that even though it is managed like a wilderness area, that the county had fought several times in the past to keep it designated as a "Primitive" area. She stated that the county's position in the past was a preference for the area to go back to a "Multiple Use" designation, but if that were not to happen, then it not go further than be a "Primitive" area. She asked for direction as to whether that was still the Board's position, and if so, she advised taking an aggressive approach soon with the Congresswoman Kirkpatrick and Senators McCain and Flake. Supervisor Campbell stated support for drafting a letter signed by all three supervisors to send out as quickly as possible and to present to the National Association of Counties (NACo). Ms. Gale noted that one of the concerns was the impact that it would have on the Morenci Mine if it were to go to Wilderness designation. She stated that the area is within 15 miles of the boundary of the mine. She stated that if the Wilderness designation were to go through further mineral exploration would not be allowed. Supervisor Corbell stated that he was opposed to designation to Wilderness. He stated that he is in favor of a letter of support for a Multiple Use designation. Ms. Gale stated that when she spoke to the Governor's office, she indicated what the past position of the Board has been, and that the Board would do their best not to let the designation happen. The Board gave Ms. Gale direction to move forward.

Ms. Gale advised the Board that the Federal Government had approved the PILT Payment in their spending package, and that the county was expecting to receive their PILT payment in June. She stated that in this point in time, they were looking at being about \$300k under projection for the year in sales tax revenue. She said that the severance sales tax portion was starting to move up a bit but that the other sales tax was not. She stated that the PILT payments keep the County from losing out on about \$850K a year.

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Clerk of the Board: Approval of minutes to previous meeting – 12/15/2015
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 1055; 1056; 1057; 1058; 1059
- C. Chief Finance Officer: Approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$203,306.75 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 152 - \$2,521.41; Fund 159 - \$7.08; Fund 195 - \$531.61; Fund 219 - \$8,160.53; Fund 237 -

- \$28,291.57; Fund 243 - \$10,929.59; Fund 601 - \$86,507.70; Fund 800 - \$66,357.26
- D. Superior Court Judge: Appointment of Judge Pro Tempore for the Honorable Kimberly Corsaro, Honorable Allan C. Perkins, Honorable D. Corey Sanders, and Honorable Gary Scales effective July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017
  - E. Superior Court Judge: Appointment of Sheila Davis as Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016
  - F. County Sheriff: Approval of Employee Transaction form: P. Munoz, Administrative Assistant
  - G. County Sheriff: Approval of Resolution 16-01-01 authorizing signatories on the Greenlee County Sheriff's Department account with National Bank of Arizona
  - H. County Attorney: Authorization for the Arizona General to represent Greenlee County in a state tax appeal case filed by UNS Energy (Parent Company to Tucson Power and Electric)

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Caitlin Young  
Administrative Assistant